GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:37
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PROCUREMENT OF C-DOT MAX-L EXCHANGE
PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government have received some adverse reports about the procurement of C-DOT MAX-L Exchange some time back;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) Whether any investigation has been carried out in the matter;

(d) If so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) The action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) The Government had received the information from Standing Committee on Information Technology (reviewing the working of C-DOT). The committee had conveyed its concern for placing the purchase orders for Large (L) and Extra Large (XL) Exchanges with Multi National Corporations that were reserved for C-DOT technology exchanges.

(c) Yes Sir. The Inquiry had been carried out by the Advisor (P), DOT, Ministry of Communications, in the matter.

(d) The Inquiry Officer has completed the enquiry and concluded that ` No case of diversion of Purchase Order during 2000-01 for MAX-L/XL switches from C-DOT exchange manufacturers to new technology switches has been found`.

(e) In view of `d`, No action is warranted.